

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**THERESA ATENCIO.  
Defendant.**

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**CAUSE NO. 1: 24-CR-1493-MLG (5)**

**MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL**

This Motion for Substitution of Counsel is brought by Defendant, Theresa Atencio, who requests that the Court permit Felix Valenzuela to substitute as attorney of record in this case and shows the following:

Felix Valenzuela was retained to represent Defendant in this case.

Christopher Dodd, attorney, consents to the substitution, as evidenced by the signature on this motion.


This Motion is not sought for the purposes of delay, but that justice might be done.

Defendant prays that the Court enter an order substituting Felix Valenzuela and discharging Christopher Dodd, as attorney of record for Defendant.

Wherefore, premises considered, Defendant respectfully requests that the Court grant the instant motion and substitute Felix Valenzuela and discharge Christopher Dodd, as attorney of record for Defendant. Defendant also prays for all other relief to which she is entitled, in both equity and law.

Respectfully submitted,

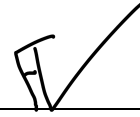
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on 11/21/2024, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which shall send notification of such filing to the following to all parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'FV' with a long diagonal stroke, positioned above a horizontal line.

Felix Valenzuela

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**ORDER ON MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL**

On this day, the Court considered Defendant Theresa Atencio's Motion for Substitution. After considering the motion, attendant responses, and the arguments adduced by counsel, the Court is of the opinion that the Motion should be granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Defendant Theresa Atencio's Motion for Substitution of Counsel is GRANTED.

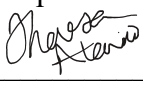
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Christopher Dodd is discharged as attorney of record and Felix Valenzuela is substituted as attorney of record for Defendant.

SIGNED on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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**MATTHEW L. GARCIA**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

Agreed:

By: /s/ Christopher Dodd  
Christopher Dodd

By:   
Theresa Atencio